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Re: Cibicides Carstensi Sand, Reservoir A
Amerada Hess Corporation (LLOG) – SL 16430 No. 2 Well
East Black Bay Field
Offshore Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana

Dear Commissioner Boudreaux:

Application is hereby made on behalf of **AMERADA HESS CORPORATION** for the calling of a public hearing, after 10-days legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Cibicides Carstensi Sand, Reservoir A, in East Black Bay Field, Offshore Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana:

1. To recognize that the Cibicides Carstensi Sand, Reservoir A, in the East Black Bay Field, Offshore Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, whose limits are shown on the attached plat, is a new discovery pursuant to LSA-R.S. 47:648.1 – 648.4, as amended.

2. To recognize that unitization is not necessary at this time since the reservoir underlies a single lease.

3. To recognize that the Amerada Hess Corporation (formerly LLOG) – SL 16430 No. 2 Well (Serial No. 223948), as shown on the attached plat, is a new discovery well for the Cibicides Carstensi Sand, Reservoir A, pursuant to LSA-R.S. 47:648.1 – 648.4, as amended.

3. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

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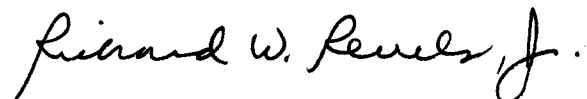
The Cibicides Carstensi Sand, Reservoir A, in the East Black Bay Field, is hereby defined as being that gas and condensate bearing sand encountered between the depths of 9,824 feet and 9,941 feet (electrical log measurements) in the Amerada Hess Corporation (formerly LLOG) – SL 16430 No. 2 Well, located in Offshore Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.

Pertinent data may be obtained AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY from Louis Gilbert & Associates, 3636 North Causeway Blvd., Ste. 204, Metairie, LA 70002-7216, Telephone Number 504/834-8112.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat and a list of the names and addresses of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties, and Interested Parties to whom a copy of this application is being sent. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, such list of parties is being furnished only to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation; however, the list of parties will be furnished by the undersigned to any party requesting a copy of it. A reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Interested Parties and Represented Parties.

Finally, enclosed is our check in the amount of \$700.00 **made payable to the Office of Conservation** and representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,



Richard W. Revels, Jr.

RWRjr/df
Attachments

cc: Richard Hudson
Lafayette District Office of Conservation

cc: Interested Owners, Represented Parties and
Interested Parties

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MAIN PASS AREA

CIB C RA
Reservoir Limits
+/- 345 Acres

X = 2,610,000

RIPCO
S.L. 5865
8,300'
10,830'
1
1
AMERADA
(LLOG EXPL.)
S.L. 16430

LLOG EXPL.
S.L. 16431

2
11,070'

G/W

G/W

AMERADA
(LLOG EXPL.)
S.L. 16430

4
1,335'
10,065'

AMERADA
(LLOG EXPL.)
S.L. 16430

RIPCO
S.L. 11411

2
10,000'
925'
8,261'

RIPCO
S.L. 5947

1
8,330'

STATE
LEASE
16431

BRADCO
S.L. 5315

1
8,250'

STATE
LEASE
16688

1
8,700'

RIVERSIDE
S.L. 4822

RIPCO
S.L. 6283

1
8,222'

CHAMPLIN
S.L. 4822

1
9,278'

FAULT

BLOCK 22

ASHLAND
S.L. 5221

1
8,812'

STATE LEASE 16430

HESS



- - COMPLETION
- △ - NEW DISCOVERY WELL
- - RESERVOIR LIMITS

EXHIBIT No.

DOCKET No.

AMERADA HESS CORPORATION
U.S. ONSHORE EXPLORATION

EAST BLACK BAY FIELD
PLAQUEMINES PARISH, LOUISIANA

Reservoir Limits Plat

Cib. Carst Sand, Reservoir A

Date:

0' 1000' 2000' 3000'

Geology: LOUIS GILBERT & ASSOCIATES, INC.